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SUBJECT: AGREEMENT ON COOPERATION BETWEEN US AND SPANISH
CUSTOMS SERVICES

1. DURING RECENT EUR REGIONAL NARCOTICS- CONFERENCE EMBOFF
WAS INFORMED BY US CUSTOMS OFFICIAL THAT SOME DISCUSSION HAS
BEEN HELD WITH SPANIARDS RELATIVE TO AGREEMENT ON COOPERATION
BETWEEN CUSTOMS SERVICES. ALTHOUGH NOTHING DEFINITE WAS
MENTIONED, US CUSTOMS REPRESENTATIVE EXPRESSED VIEW THAT
AGREEMENT MIGHT BE SIGNED WITHIN RELATIVELY NEAR FUTURE.

2. EMBASSY WAS UNAWARE OF DISCUSSIONS RELATIVE TO BILATERAL
AGREEMENT IN CUSTOMS AREA. WHILE US WOULD PROBABLY GAIN
SOME BENEFITS FROM ENCOURAGING CLOSER WORKING RELATIONS WITH
SPANISH CUSTOMS, TERMS OF ANY AGREEMENT SHOULD BE CLOSELY
EXAMINED BOTH FOR EFFECT IN OTHER AREAS OF COOPERATION AND
PROBABLE COST TO US. IN ANY CASE EMBASSY SHOULD BE KEPT
FULLY INFORMED OF SUCH DISCUSSIONS ON A TIMELY BASIS.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE FURTHER INFOR-
MATION ON SUBJECT DISCUSSIONS, INCLUDING CURRENT STATUS.
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